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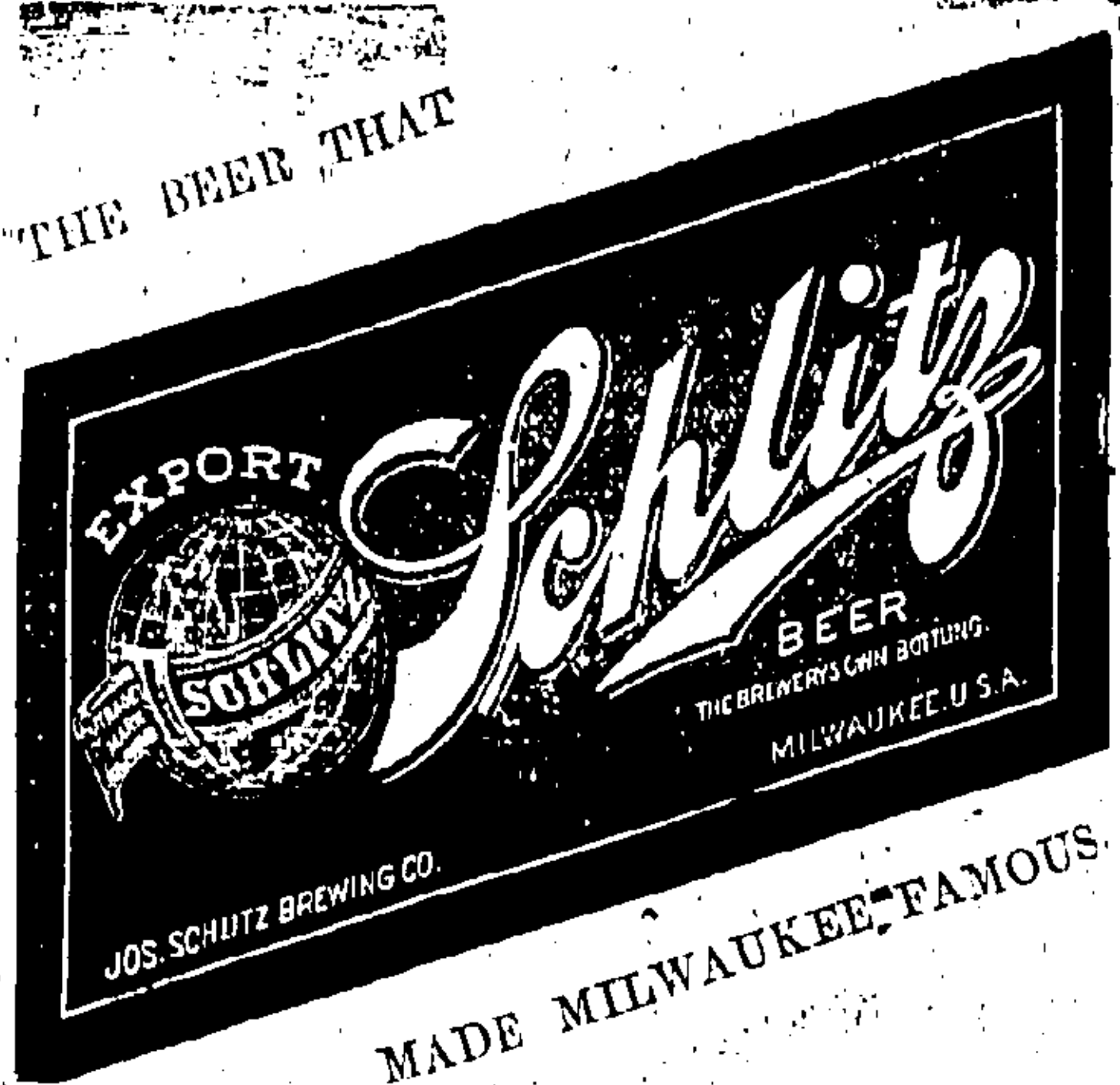
THE MANAGER,
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

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Synonyms: SCHLITZ and PURITY.

Insist on Having

SCHLITZ BEER



SCHLITZ BEER Received the Highest Award for PURITY at the Columbian Exposition.

WATKINS & CO., AGENTS.

EYE-SIGHT. NOTICE.

MR. N. LAZARUS, Oculist-Optician, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 139).

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting the eye occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eye, the many years of "Eye Strain" ending in total blindness. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring Glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplies his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVISE FREE.

HONGKONG HOTEL,
(Room No. 139).

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [187]

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

AT A MEETING of the MEMBERS of former Committees of ST. GEORGE'S BALL held at Government House on the 4th instant it was decided to hold a ST. GEORGE'S BALL on the 22nd January, 1897, if a sufficient number of Englishmen subscribed.

From To-day, and for 14 days afterwards, SUBSCRIPTION LISTS will be found in the CLUBS and other places.

Due notice will be given of any further action taken.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,

Hon. Secretary.

St. George's Ball Provisional Committee.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [1872]

Today's Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK, DUDDELL STREET.

AFTERNOON SESSION—from 5 to 7 P.M.
PRICES:—Skates and Admission 50 Cents.
Admission 25

EVENING SESSION—from 8.30 to 12 P.M.
PRICES:—Skates and Admission \$1.00
Admission 50

On FRIDAY, the 18th instant, A TRICK CYCLE COMPETITION will take place for a HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL. Interested Competitors can send in their Names to the Rink up to One o'clock on the 18th inst.

A GRAND MASQUERADE BALL will be held on BOXING NIGHT (SATURDAY), the 26th inst.

The HONGKONG REGIMENTAL BAND will be in attendance.

SAM MARKS,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [1796]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "GANGES," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—From London, &c., *S.S. Pandular* and *Himalaya*.

From Penang Gulf, *S.S. Henry Bolchow*, *Chibassa*, *Simla*, *Purulia* and *Mowfar*.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 9.30 A.M. TO-MORROW, the 14th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 15th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1896. [141]

Today's Advertisements.

THE GRILL ROOM,
4, QUEEN'S ROAD.

THE LEADING CATERERS

ON TUESDAYS,
GREEN TURTLE STEAKS for Tiffin.
GREEN TURTLE SOUPS for Dinner.

SALADS and DELICIOUS ENTREES sent to PRIVATE HOUSES at shortest notice.
WEDDINGS, PRIVATE PARTIES, TIFINS and DINNERS a Specialty.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [1932]

KUHN & KOMOR,

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS,
21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG,
35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA
and
36, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

To be published on the 3rd of January, 1897.
"SPORT AND GOSSIP,"
FOUNDED BY "DAYBREAK."

Office: No. 1, Klokang Road, Shanghai.
RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION, IN ADVANCE:
One Year, \$15; Half-Year, \$8; Quarter, \$5.

WITH the new year will be published the first number of a High-class Weekly Newspaper, SPORT AND GOSSIP, printed every Saturday night and published every Sunday morning, devoted to SPORTING and THEATRICAL doings in Shanghai, the China Ports, and at Home.

The Paper, whilst maintaining a high tone, and carefully avoiding unbecoming personalities, will, in a bright, chatty style, deal with the Sporting, Theatrical and Social life of Shanghai and the Outports, as well as bring to the notice of its readers interesting incidents in Sporting and Theatrical circles at Home.

Several new features in local journalism will be introduced, and it is confidently believed that SPORT AND GOSSIP will be invaluable to all who take an interest in the Far Eastern sport.

SPORT AND GOSSIP will be an excellent medium for advertisements, and the rates in this department can be ascertained on application to the Publishers.

Shanghai, 7th December, 1896. [1929]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery may be obtained on countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining undischarged after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [1]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship "GUTHRIE,"
Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [1936]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

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A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKEY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [2]

HIGHES.
On the 14th instant, at Meirion, The Peak, the wife of J. JONES HUGHES, of a son.

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At Ningbo, on the 7th instant, the wife of J. R. GRAYES, of a son.

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TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN ENTERPRISE IN JAPAN.

TOKIO, December 14th.

German merchants are contemplating a remarkable scheme in Japan. It is reported that about twenty leading shipbuilding firms, makers of railway materials, and other manufacturers have combined to supply all the principal articles required by the Japanese Government in carrying out their scheme for the extension of war preparations, &c. The syndicate will supply goods from France, England, and America, through their agents in those countries, and at Yokohama they will establish a house to carry on an export business. The agent has already arrived. Some prominent Japanese gentlemen are said to have agreed to work with the syndicate.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

TOKIO, December 14th.

A report has been received by the Government from Mr. Minors, the Japanese Acting Consul at Manila, stating that on the receipt of the news at Manila that a desperate battle was fought on 8th November between the Spanish army and the rebels, the latter being successful, the foreign Consuls at Manila held a meeting and issued a notice to their respective nationals resident in the island advising them to take refuge in the respective Consulates, in case of the rebels advancing on Manila and endangering the lives of foreign residents. The Japanese Government has decided to dispatch a man-of-war to Manila for the protection of the Japanese resident there. The cruiser *Yoshino* has been ordered to leave Yokohama at a p.m. to-day. It is stated that the dispatch of the *Yoshino* has been ordered on the strength of reports that the rebel force is being greatly strengthened.

[The *Yoshino* left on the 2nd December.]

GENERAL KAWAKAMI.

TOKIO, December 13th.

General Kawakami will leave Tokyo about 15th instant for Siam.

SINGAPORE AND JAPAN.

TOKIO, December 13th.

The Singapore Chamber of Commerce has written to the Yokohama Chamber, suggesting that they should exchange communications in future in regard to the commerce of the respective countries and co-operate for the promotion of trade in the Far East.

THE TREATY WITH SPAIN.

TOKIO, December 13th.

The new treaty between Japan and Spain is expected to be signed before the end of the present month.

KOREA.

SEOUL, December 6th.

Ko Sen Shu, one of the persons who was arrested in the recent *coup d'etat*, has been executed without being tried in a court of law.

An official despatch was received the other day from Mr. Kato, the Japanese Chargé d'Affaires in Seoul, stating that there being signs of disquietude at Pingyang, Japanese police had been sent there from Seoul for the protection of Japanese residents.

THE PLAGUE IN FORMOSA.

TOKIO, December 13th.

The total number of black plague patients in Formosa from the outbreak of the epidemic to the 3rd inst was 153, of whom 71 died and 14 recovered.

AGAINST AN UNFETTERED PRESS.

TOKIO, December 13th.

In the opinion of the National Unionists, the people of Japan have not progressed far enough to allow absolute freedom of speech and writing. They consider it advisable to maintain certain restrictions.

A BANK FOR FORMOSA.

TOKIO, December 13th.

The Government has under consideration a proposal to establish in Formosa a branch of the Bank of Japan, and a Bill with this object will be brought forward in the coming session of the Diet.

THE QUESTION OF PATENT RIGHTS.

TOKIO, December 13th.

The Patent Bureau has come to the following decisions in regard to the patents applied for by German subjects:—

1.—No patent shall be granted for a German invention which has been already imitated in this country.

2.—No patent shall be granted for even a new invention which has been patented in Germany, when such invention is already known to the public by newspapers or books.

3.—After the Japanese Government has joined the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and Copyright, free manufacture shall be allowed to the Japanese manufacturers of new foreign patent goods, unless the protection of such patent has been applied for to the Japanese Government within seven months after such patent has been granted at home.

These resolutions are said to have been approved by the Minister President, and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Agriculture and Commerce.

PROPOSED POSTAL CHANGES.

TOKIO, December 13th.

The Government has under consideration proposals to amend the Postal Regulations as follows:—(1.) To carry heavier letters for the existing charges; (2.) To reduce the postage on letters addressed to residents of the city in which they are posted; (3.) To adopt stamped wrappers; (4.) To reduce the postage on books and printed matter.

DEATH OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA.

We hear that M. Rousseau, Governor-General of Indo-China, died at Hanoi on Thursday last, after an illness which it was thought would end fatally. He went home some time ago to float the loan of eighty millions in connection with public works in the colony. M. Paul Bert, the last Governor-General of Indo-China, died at Hanoi in 1888.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE JAPANESE CRUISER *Yoshino* left Yokohama on the 2nd inst, bound for Manila.

SHENGO Taotai, Director General of Railways, arrived at Shanghai on the 9th instant from Tientsin.

COMMANDER W. H. F. TAYLOR, R.N., who relieves Captain Tennard, arrived by the *Ganges* yesterday.

The Chinese Government have appointed Li Lan-chow, a native of Shanghai, Consul at Vladivostok.

A MEETING of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association will be held to-morrow evening, 7th inst.

Chinese meeting at the Chinese Club, at 8 o'clock to-morrow.

VICEROY Wang Wen-shao has been confirmed in his post as Viceroy of Chihli, and will therefore take that province for at least three years.

CAPTAIN FINCH, late chief officer of the White Star liner *Tarento*, has been appointed Commander of the O. & O. Co.'s *Frisco* liner *Gashu*.

SMALL-POX is epidemic at Kobe. Since the outbreak up to the 26th ultimo 1,578 persons had been attacked in Kobe city proper, of whom 557 recovered and 831 died.

THE *Japan Advertiser* says it has good reason for stating that the date of the trial of Mrs. Carey has been fixed, and that it will begin either on the 14th or 15th of this month.

It is said that the Reform Society has received permission to establish a political College for the training of young officers who wish to enter the diplomatic service at home and abroad.

On the 9th ultimo the appointment of Captain A. C. Gorry to the cruiser *Pique*, to date 2nd November, was gazetted. Acting Lieutenant George H. T. Steer, R.N.R., has also been ordered to join H.M.S. *Pique*.

SEATS for the Amateur Dramatic Club's performance on Saturday next ("Charles's Aunt") can now be secured at the booking office at the Theatre Royal. The office will be open every day this week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On the 9th instant the *North-China Daily News* stated in an authoritative manner that the Chinese Government had issued instructions to the local authorities to mark out a German Concession at Shanghai. The German Consul promptly denied any knowledge of such an arrangement having been made by the German Minister with the Tsung-li Yamen.

It is reported that the Chinese are to begin the construction of the railway at the end of the year.

In the course of an interview with a representative of the *Tagblatt* (Berlin) on the 6th ult. Mr. G. Detling is reported to have said "France and Russia have agreed to the Chinese *ad valorem* duties subject to the assent of Great Britain," which, he added, "is certain."

A TELEGRAM from Johannesburg dated 12th November says:—A boxing match for the heavy-weight championship of the world was fought here between Joe Gaddard and Denver Smith. The latter secured the victory in the fourth round. McCoy challenged Smith to fight in the event of his winning. Mick Dooley challenged the winner, or the world.

The special correspondent of the *Kohuma* at Peking, writing thence on Nov. 18th, says that the secret treaty between Russia and China was ratified by the Emperor several days previously. He also reports that a sum of 20,000 taels was recently distributed among a member and nine secretaries of the Tung-shi Yamen, and further states that the sum was received by them from a French resident as commission in connection with the Chinese bonds raised in Russia.

A REGATT Dinner took place at the New Victoria Hotel on Saturday night, when there was a big muster of boating men and their friends. Mr. W. Armstrong (stroke of the second crew in the International race) presided, and near him was Mr. R. F. Lammert, stroke of the German crew. Messrs. Madar and Farmer catered with their usual care and good taste and the dinner went off very successfully. The feature of the evening's entertainment was the "wetting" of the International Cup, the great vessel filled with champagne being presented to each guest in turn by Mr. Lammert. The toasts of winning and losing crews were honoured with enthusiasm, and the remainder of the evening was passed in most convivial manner.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G., presided, and there were also present—H. E. Major-General Wilson, R.N., C.B., Officer Commanding the Garrison; Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart (Colonial Secretary); Hon. W. M. Goodman (Attorney-General); Hon. F. A. Cooper (Director of Public Works); Hon. F. M. Thomson (Acting Colonial Treasurer); Hon. R. M. Rumsey, R.N. (Harbour Master); Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., (Captain Superintendent of Police); official members; the Hon. C. P. Chater, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Hon. E. R. Bellis, C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. W. A. Yek, unofficial members, and Mr. F. J. Budgey, Acting Clerk of Council.

The minutes of the last meeting (held on December 7th) were read and confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee's last meeting and the recommendations regarding the vote for Volunteer Expenses and the Supply Bill were adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
The Hon. Director of Public Works tabled the report of his Committee and it was also adopted.

TAPINGSHAN.
The Hon. T. H. Whitehead, in accordance with the notice given at the last meeting, asked—Will the Government lay upon the table an estimate as to the probable total cost of the doing what is necessary to be done to the resumed area of Tapingshan before the lots can be put up to auction, and state the further probable time required to overcome the work?

The Colonial Secretary said the information asked for was laid on the table.

THE OPIUM REVENUE.
The Hon. T. H. Whitehead asked—In view of the present Opium Farm expiring in the spring of 1898, will the Government appoint a Commission with full powers to investigate and report on the opium revenue generally and upon the advisability or otherwise of substituting for the present Opium Farm bonded warehouses and a fixed duty on opium not *bona fide* exported in a raw state?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary—I have to inform the hon. member that the matter will receive the consideration of the Government.

GAP ROCK LIGHT DUES.
The Hon. T. H. Whitehead gave notice that he would move as follows:—That whereas the Special Gap Rock Light dues were imposed for the sole purpose of raising the money required for the construction of the said light house, and the Government are pledged to their abolition as soon as the requisite amount had been raised, and whereas it appears that a sum of about \$42,000, in excess of the amount required has already been received. Resolved, that in the opinion of this Council the special Gap Rock Light dues should no longer be levied.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.
The Hon. Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded the motion, which was agreed to, and the Bill was then read a second time.

PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.
The Hon. Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to the protection of Women and Girls."

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded the motion and it was agreed to.

THE MILITARY MILITARY.
The Hon. Attorney-General moved the third reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to appropriate a sum equivalent to revenue and a half per centum of the Colonial Revenue as a contribution for the Defence of the Colony."

The Hon. T. H. Whitehead moved that the Bill be read that day six months. He condemned the appropriation of 17½ per cent. of the general revenue, including municipal, by the Imperial Government and said our case had been very clearly set forth in the memorandum of unofficial members to the Secretary of State on 31st March last. The people of Hongkong heavily applauded his speech and he was cheered on both sides and his views were entirely different from those of the official members. He referred to what had been done at Singapore in this matter and said the tax, which bore heavily on Hongkong, was oppressive and prevented urgently needed public works being carried out.

His Excellency said that Ceylon was much more heavily taxed than Hongkong.

Hon. T. H. Whitehead said Ceylon only paid 7½ per cent. upon her revenue. It might be a larger sum, but we had to pay no municipal as

well as general revenue. He considered a tax of 14 per cent. unreasonable and, inquisitive as to the Imperial Government to appropriate that sum was a "various" injustice.

Hon. C. P. Chater seconded the amendment, which was lost by 5 votes to 7.

The motion was then agreed to.
The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Two Millions Three hundred and Fifty-nine thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-nine Dollars to the Public Service of the Year 1897."

The motion was agreed to.
Hon. T. H. W. Whitehead moved an amendment to reduce the sum "Governor and Legislature" by \$100 in order to draw attention to the matter of the delay in reconstructing the Sanitary Board. The day, he said, was most injurious to the public interest; the Board was always mired in damages when it came before the Council and was often held up to ridicule. He moved the reduction as a mere matter of form to draw attention to the matter.

His Excellency said he had received by yesterday's mail the whole of the correspondence and it would be laid before the Council.

Hon. T. H. W. Whitehead then withdrew his amendment.

The Bill passed through Committee without amendment and was then read a third time.

His Excellency—I adjourn this Council until this day week at 3 p.m.

NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the above Company was held at the registered offices of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day.

Mr. Hart Buck presided and there were also present Messrs. C. Ewins, G. R. Stevens, W. H. Potts, C. Georg, A. G. Stokes, G. H. Potts, W. H. Sutton, E. K. Chandler, W. E. Clement, A. H. Macell, E. S. Kelly, T. F. Hough, S. Ruston, J. R. Michael, and H. Humphreys.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, this meeting is being called to pass the necessary resolutions to enable us to raise more capital for the working of your mines. After careful consideration, we have come to the conclusion that the method we propose to adopt is the only one likely to be successful. You will notice by the terms of the first resolution that it is proposed to reduce the value of the ordinary shares from \$3 to \$1, and by the second resolution to increase our capital by the issue of 75,000 preference shares of \$1.00 each, \$3,000,000 of which will be offered to the shareholders, that is, one preference share for every ordinary share held by them. We are pleased to be able to state that with regard to any of these shares unapplied for and the remainder of the issue we can guarantee that they will be all taken up. Our latest advices from the mines are to the effect that everything is going on satisfactorily. At the Queen's mine they then had 220 tons of stone at press, and expected to commence crushing the following week. The general work at this mine is going on rapidly and appearances continue to show improvement. The present indications at the Gran's Mine are also of a promising nature and the drive from No. 2 tunnel shows that they are not far from the main vein. I will now propose the resolutions:—

1.—That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$1,500,000 divided into 50,000 shares of \$3.00 each to \$500,000 divided into 50,000 shares of \$1.00 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of \$2,000,000 upon each of the 50,000 shares which have been issued and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$3.00 to \$1.00 per share.

2.—That the capital of the Company after having been reduced to \$500,000 be increased to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 75,000 new shares of \$1.00 each to be called "Preference Shares" to which there shall be attached the special rights and privileges following that is to say:—

(i) The holders of such preference shares shall be entitled to receive out of the profits of the Company as a first charge a cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the capital paid up on such shares respectively.

(ii) Whenever the profits of the Company in respect of any year shall be more than sufficient to pay the preferential dividend aforesaid to the close of such year and also a dividend for such year at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on \$1,000,000 of the ordinary shares, the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to participate in the surplus *part passu* with the holders of the other shares.

(iii) The Capital paid up on the preference shares shall not be liable to cancellation or reduction in respect of loss or depreciation.

(iv) In the event of the winding up of the Company the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets applied, first, in paying off the Capital paid up on the preference shares held by them respectively, secondly, in paying off the arrears (if any) of the preferential dividend aforesaid to the commencement of the winding up, and thereafter to participate ratably with the holders of other shares in the residue (if any) of such surplus assets which shall remain after paying off the capital paid up on such other shares.

Mr. S. Ruston seconded the first resolution and Mr. Stevens seconded the second, both being carried unanimously.

In answer to questions the Chairman said that on holders of ordinary shares applying for preference shares they would be allotted one to one and it was guaranteed that the others would be taken up, if unallotted.

This closed the business.

The congratulatory meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 30th December.

THE NEWCHANG-ONWO COLLISION CASE.

SHANGHAI, December 9th.
We share with our morning contemporary, the *N.C. Daily News*, its opinion as to the unsatisfactory judgment in the case of the *Newchang-Onwo* collision. It is acknowledged on all hands that the *Newchang* was altogether in the wrong in the course she was steering, and that unless the other steamer committed a like great fault the whole blame must rest on her. On the other hand, it is equally the case that the *Onwo* was bound to do her best to avoid collision, but she was not bound to take any specified course in so doing; the responsibility being clearly on her to take reasonable measures. It was a question then to be decided what were reasonable measures. She could have gone on shore, she could have stopped and reversed, she could have continued as she was doing. If she had not been in the position where she was at the time the collision would not have occurred. If she had increased her speed so as to have been half-a-length in advance of her position, she would have passed clear. 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Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"HYDASPES."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, via S.S. *Nubia*,
From Persia Gulf, via S.S. *Kilwa*, *Assyria*,
Mohammad and *Mohitani*.

Goods not cleared by the 16th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1896. [431]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENOGLE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 25th instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 11 A.M.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [1915]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship

"BENLEI,"

Captain Farquhar, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th December.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1896. [1817]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO
YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE Company's Steamship

"OHENZOLLERN,"

Captain Harrold, will leave for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [1899]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI
THE Company's Steamship

"BAYERN,"

Captain B. Blanke, due here with the outward German Mail about the 15th instant, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after arrival.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [1899]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENGYLE,"

Captain McGilivray, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [1896]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILOONG,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1896. [1920]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"DAPHNE,"

Captain E. Schipper, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [1916]



NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOKIO MARU,"

Captain E. S. Barrow, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 15th Dec., at 5 P.M.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and carries a duly qualified Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1896. [1825]

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1896.

(Subject to Alteration.)
Chittagong Tuesday ... 15th December.
TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"CHITTAGONG,"

will be despatched for VICTORIA, (B.C.) and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, TO-MORROW, the 15th December.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1889]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain W. Waddell, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [1927]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship

"MAQUIS BACQUEHEM,"

Captain G. Costanzo, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 18th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1896. [1923]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ACAMERON,"

Captain Steves, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1896. [1877]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/4 A. L. 1/2 m. American Ship

"WILLIAM H. SMITH,"

Willam, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Hongkong, 19th October, 1896. [1611]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE British Barque

"SUMBANA,"

Rahberg, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1896. [1891]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. J. Iron 4-mast British Barque
"MATTERHORN,"
Captain J. Williams, will soon be ready to load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1896. [1840]

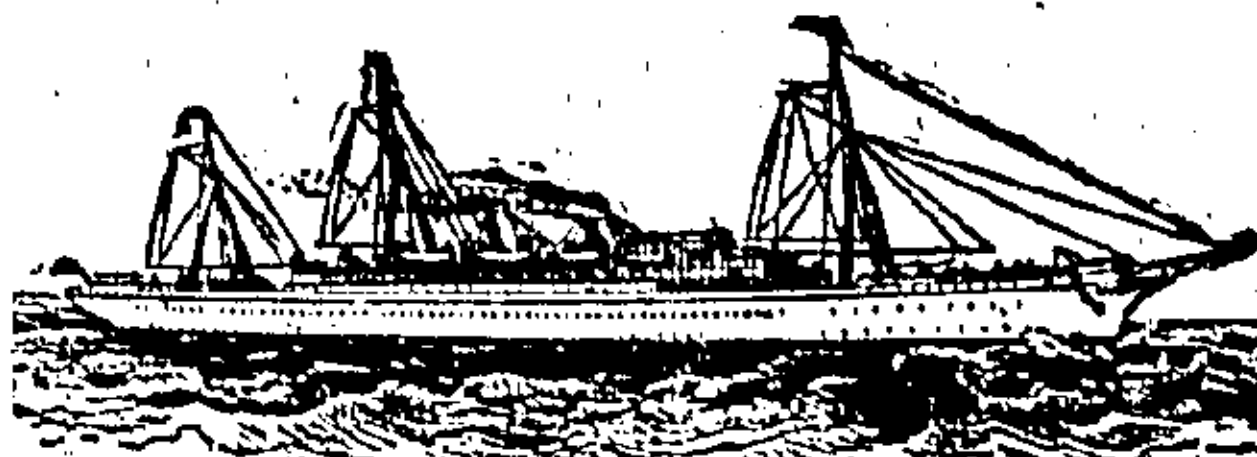
FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/4 L. 1. 1/2 m. American Barque

"PENROSCOT,"

Captain Macleider, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARSBERG & Co.,
Hongkong, 20th November, 1896. [1814]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 23rd December.
EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897
EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, 1897

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal ports and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Service, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Government.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

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AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Tuesday, 29th Dec., at Noon.
Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Saturday, 16th Jan., at Noon, 1897.
Bright (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Thursday, 4th Feb., at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 29th December, 1896, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (on vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1896. [18]

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REASONABLE PRICES.
Hongkong, 14th Mar, 1896. [64]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"ROHILLA,"

Captain F. N. Cole, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 17th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *Oriental*, leaving that Port for London direct on the 9th January, 1897.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1896. [431]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table. Doctor and STEWARDNESS carried.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Victoria [3.16] Tuesday ... 1 Dec. 29.
Olympia [2.68] Tuesday ... 1 Jan. 19.
Bismarck [3.60] Tuesday ... 1 Feb. 9.
Tacoma [2.50] Tuesday ... 1 Mar. 2.

THE Steamship

"VICTORIA,"
Captain Alex. Gove, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th December, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODD, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1896. [4]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT.
BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON.
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Hesper Tuesday ... 15th Jan.
Frisia Tuesday ... 2nd Feb.
Prussia Tuesday ... 2nd March.

ON TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1897, at 4 A.M. the Company's Steamship "BAYERN" Captain E. Blanke, with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 2nd Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on Monday the 4th Jan. and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY the 4th Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 lbs and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1896. [1896]

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